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FM AMCONSUL JERUSALEM
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8879
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
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1. ACCORDING TO BETHLEHEM MAYOR FREIJ, WEST BANK MUNICIPALITIES
HAVE BEEN INVITED TO VISIT AS FOLLOWS TO RECEIVE AID FOR
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BETHLEHM TO ABU DHABI
BEIT JALA AND BEIT SAHUR TO BAHREIN
RAMALLAH TO ALGIERS
NABLUS AND HEBRON TO SAUDI ARABIA
BIR ZEIT TO TUNIS

2. FREIJ PLANS TO LEAVE APRIL 17 FOR A TWO OR THREE-WEEK TRIP DURING WHICH HE ESTIMATES HE WILL RECEIVE ABOUT JD 150,000 (\$450,000) WHICH WOULD DOUBLE HIS CURRENTLY BUDGET. FUNDS WILL BE BANKED IN AMMAN AND TRANSFERRED AS NEEDED TO THE WEST BANK.

3. ACCORDING TO FREIJ, REJECTIONIST ARAB STATES OF LIBYA AND IRAQ WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN AID PROGRAM.

4. WHILE IN AMMAN, FREIJ PLANS TO SEE PM BADRAN AND MININFO ABU AWDEH.

5. COMMENT: AS FREIJ IS CHRISTIAN AND NO GREAT FRIEND OF THE PLO, BETHLEHEM'S INVITATION IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT. IT INDICATES: FIRST, THE MUSLIM STATES WILL EVIDENTLY AID CHRISTIAN TOWNS AS WELL AS MUSLIM ONES. SECOND, WHATEVER THE PLO'S ROLE IN THE SCHEME, IT EITHER DOES NOT OR CANNOT MAKE POLITICAL DEFERENCE TO IT A CONDITION FOR AID. ASSUMING, OF COURSE, GULF STATES ACTUALLY DELIVER SUBSTANTIAL SUMS.
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